

MINUTES

March 3, 2016

JOHNSON COUNTY WEED & PEST CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD

Members Present:

Scott Lutterman
Larry Smith
Scott Rogers
Dick Gould

Others Present:

Rod Litzel, Supervisor
Katie Hepp, District Clerk

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Lutterman. Minutes for the February meeting were approved with a motion by Larry and a second by Scott R. Financial Statements for February were reviewed. Dick moved to approve the financial statements for the general and leafy spurge funds. Larry seconded the passing motion. Payment vouchers for February were reviewed. Larry moved to pay the vouchers and to allow the clerk to write utility, salary, salary related assessments and staff benefit checks as needed. Motion passed after a second from Scott R.

Old Business:

Rod reported the crew was working on the west side and that with the warm weather the ice has gone out. There is approximately another week to complete from Reculusa to the bridge at Brubaker. There is some that Dee Johnson wants done and Rod will take a look to see how much there is. If the weather allows they will be finished by the end of the month. Rod reported that he has completed some more prairie dog surveys' for the ZP Rebate Program. Talking Waters, Knudson and CAZA Ranch have qualified. Stolz's look good in some towns and don't qualify in others, they will defer the rebate until all areas qualify. He has looked at Dennis Lawrence's on Piney Creek it was done late and doesn't look good. Rod said that he has started surveying on Welles and it looks good so far. Rod announced that the demand for Rozol has been huge. He has reviewed the budget and the preliminary estimate indicates funds may have to be moved in order to balance the budget. Rod reported that Representative Kinskey played a big role in helping with the State Lands funding on the House level in trying to get the full allocation of \$ 712,000. However, when the allocation went to the Senate, where they expected smooth sailing, it was killed, came up for re-vote and was still failed. They have ironed out differences and the allocation for \$ 350,000 has gone to the Governor for signing, however, he can veto the allocation. Rod announced that he had had a conversation with one of the commissioners and they are predicting around a 50% drop in the county valuation. They are aware that the Board is looking into taking both mils for the upcoming FY, but it would be a good idea to meet with the commissioners to detail the budget. Rod reported that Chuck Thompson, newly hired Job Foreman, had resigned. He could not physically take the backpack work. The Board discussed the benefits of hiring due to the budget and discussed the two applicants that were next chose for the position. Scott R. moved to hire Brian Bell at a rate of \$16.00 per hour and that he start now. The motion passed unanimously after a second from Larry.

New Business:

Rod lead discussion on seasonal wages for the crew members and it was agreed by general consensus to leave them the same as the prior season. Rod announced there is an outstanding bill from March 2015 and that we have tried in vain to collect from the Sheridan county landowner. The Board agreed by general consensus to ask the County Attorney if he can assist and if not, turn the matter over to Lola Pheasant for collection. Rod reported that the District had received a grant in the amount of \$ 26,000 for landowner assistance for Salt Cedar that will be available after July 1st for the Reculusa/Brubaker project. Rod reported that as a "watch dog" for the State regarding the Black Footed Ferret recovery team he has been invited to a meeting sometime in April. The team considers the Weed & Pest interest in recovering the Black Footed Ferret in regards of protecting the landowner.

Other:

Dick asked the Board if they would like to advertise in the Kaycee Lions Club basketball tournament brochure. It was agreed to place a half page ad at the cost of \$ 50.00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous ballot at 6:30 pm. The next regular business meeting will be April 7th at 5 pm followed by the virtual tour.

See You at the Next Board Meeting

April 7th at 5:00 pm

General Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
14114	4,880.00				
14115	50.00				
14116	2,500.00				
14117	1,841.26				
14118	66.26				
14119	139.58				
14120	115.26				
14121	35.00				
14122	2.99				
14123	250.00				
14124	3,880.00				
14125	void				
14126	50.00				
14127	769.33				
14128	50.00				
14129	31.96				
14130	9,760.00				
14131	127.59				
14132	76.61				
14133	74.60				
14134	64.93				
14135	931.06				
14136	80.98				
14137	150.00				
14138	700.00				

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Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
549	20,000.00	729	30,000.00
550	20,000.00		

Leafy Spurge Fund

Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount	Ck Number	Amount
4607	13,920.00	4620	1,953.63		
4608	10,930.32	auto	4,852.44		
4609	6,450.00				
4610	1,727.78				
4611	void				
4612	2,341.50				
4613	3,129.42				
4614	1,530.23				
4615	58.05				
4616	750.00				
4617	2,459.51				
4618	117.82				
4619	276.08				